

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for preventing backlash of a spool used in a baitcasting reel, the apparatus comprising:

a stationary cam including an opening formed at a center thereof through which a shaft of the spool passes, in which a boss of the spool is inserted into the opening to fix the stationary cam, and at least two first protruded portions formed at an outer periphery thereof, the first protruded ~~portion~~ portions having an inclined surface at a lower portion thereof;

a movable cam including further protruded portions corresponding to the first protruded portions, bosses formed under a bottom of the movable cam, and an opening formed at a center of the cam through which the spool shaft passes, the first protruded ~~portion~~ portions having an inclined surface abutting against the inclined surface of the further protruded ~~portion~~ portions of the stationary cam;

a braking plate including holes for receiving the bosses of the movable cam and an opening formed at the center of the plate through which the spool shaft passes, in which the braking plate is affected by a magnetic force of the a permanent magnet so that braking force is applied to the spool; and

a spring, secured to the spool shaft by a washer and a snap ring, for compressing the movable ~~cap~~ cam against the stationary cam.

Claim 2 (cancelled):